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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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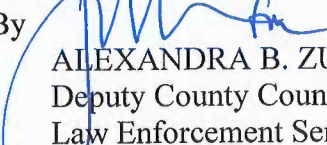
**Re: Ordinance Amending Title 13 - Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare
of the Los Angeles County Code Adding Chapter 13.25**

Dear Supervisors:

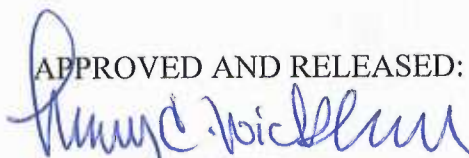
At the November 3, 2015, Board meeting, your Board directed our office to prepare an ordinance to allow for publication of the names and photographs on the County's website of individuals convicted of soliciting prostitution under Penal Code section 647(b) or loitering with intent to solicit prostitution under Penal Code section 653.22. Your Board also requested that the ordinance allow for the ability of such individuals to remove their names and photographs if their convictions are successfully appealed, expunged, or otherwise undone. Enclosed is the analysis and ordinance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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APPROVED AND RELEASED:



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Enclosures

c: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief Executive Officer
Patrick Ogawa, Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare of the Los Angeles County Code to add Chapter 13.25 providing for the publication of the names and photographs of individuals convicted of soliciting prostitution or loitering with intent to solicit prostitution on a website maintained by the Chief Executive Office.

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Requested: 02/26/15

Revised: 11/06/15

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding Chapter 13.25 to Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the publication of the names and photographs of individuals convicted of soliciting prostitution or loitering with intent to solicit prostitution on a website maintained by the Chief Executive Office.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 13.25 is hereby added to read as follows:

Chapter 13.25 Solicitation of Prostitution.

13.25.010 Findings.

A. The Board of Supervisors finds as follows:

1. Prostitution and the solicitation of prostitutes are a threat to the health, safety, and general welfare of those residing in the County of Los Angeles;
2. Prostitution and the solicitation of prostitution frequently contribute to high rates of crime by attracting criminals to areas where prostitution occurs which, in turn, negatively impacts legitimate businesses in the area;
3. Some individuals are victims of human trafficking who have been subjected to force, fraud, or coercion to compel them to engage in prostitution;
4. Child sex trafficking is a growing problem in California, and the County of Los Angeles is committed to the fight to end child sex trafficking;
5. There is no such thing as a "child prostitute" and commercially sexually exploited children should not be treated as anything other than victims of child sex abuse; and,

6. Efforts to deter those who solicit prostitutes are necessary to effectively combat prostitution and human trafficking.

B. Based on the findings set forth in subdivision A of this Section, the Board of Supervisors wishes to raise awareness and combat the crimes of prostitution, human trafficking, the sexual exploitation of children, and solicitation.

SECTION 2. Section 13.25.020 is hereby added to read as follows:

13.25.020 Publication of Names and Photographs of Individuals

Convicted of Soliciting or Loitering with Intent to Solicit Prostitutes.

A. In an effort to eradicate prostitution, human trafficking, the commercial sexual exploitation of children, and related crimes and to protect the general health, safety, and welfare of residents and businesses in the County of Los Angeles, the names and, to the extent they are available, booking photographs of individuals convicted of soliciting prostitution in violation of Penal Code section 647(b) and/or loitering with intent to solicit prostitution in violation of Penal Code section 653.22 within the County of Los Angeles will be published on a website maintained by the Chief Executive Office of the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter, "the website"). This information will be displayed on the website for a period of six months.

B. When an individual whose name and/or booking photograph appears on the website has successfully appealed his or her conviction under Penal Code section 647(b) or Penal Code section 653.22, obtained habeas corpus relief from the conviction, obtained a pardon for the conviction, or had the conviction expunged, the

name and booking photograph will be removed from the website, upon submission of corroborating documentation to the County.

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